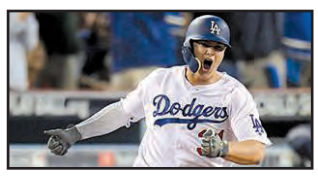
Dodgers force Game 7
Halloween heroics chase Astros' starter, fuel 3-1 comeback victory. – Sports, 1C



The super tuber
Humble sweet potato is a powerhouse rich in nutrition, versatility. – Style, 1E

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In the news

■ **Steven Rago**, 31, of Vandergrift, Pa., had his bail revoked and was sent to jail after he was caught on security cameras stealing a wallet left near a payment window at a judge's office and using the cash he found inside to pay his outstanding fines, police said.

■ **Bulent Tezcan**, an opposition party member in Turkey's parliament, was accused of insulting Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, a crime punishable by up to four years in prison, by calling him a "fascist dictator" as he spoke in support of a mayor who also had called Erdogan a dictator.

■ **George Papadopoulos**, a Michigan financial adviser, tweeted: "Buy low sell high = Never lie to FBI," as he adamantly explained on social media that he is not the same George Papadopoulos who has pleaded guilty to lying to FBI agents investigating Russian meddling in the 2016 elections.

■ **Sam Ruskin**, 13, yelled "Come on, get on!" as an overhead drone recorded the young surfer going to the rescue of a man struggling in treacherous currents off Jupiter, Fla., after his boat capsized dangerously close to a jetty's rocks.

■ **Katarian Marshall**, 24, was arrested after, the Jefferson Parish, La., sheriff's office said, a deputy spotted Marshall "indiscriminately" pepper-spraying patrons at the Chuck E. Cheese's restaurant in Metairie, and five adults and two children had to be treated.

■ **Jason Batchelder**, Vermont's top game warden, called the case "particularly heinous," when Gerin Fortin, 20, of Irasburg, was arrested on accusations of poaching a moose cow out of season, dragging the dead animal behind his truck for 11 miles and leaving the carcass to rot.

■ **Mara Gambineri**, spokesman for the Florida Department of Health, said a resident of Highlands County who didn't seek treatment after being bitten by a bat has died of rabies, which, when left untreated, is fatal in humans.

■ **Justin Casquejo**, 20, a daredevil known for climbing New York City skyscrapers and posting hair-raising images on social media, has been sentenced to three years' probation for hanging off a 52-story building in June and a 67-story building in February 2016.

■ **Tony Yarber**, the former mayor of Jackson, Miss., subdued a 22-year-old man he caught burglarizing his vehicle, dragged the man into his garage, pinned him to the floor and paddled his backside while waiting for police to arrive.

WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK
Today Cloudy, chance of showers and thunderstorms. **High** 63, light variable winds. **Tonight** Warm with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. **Low** 61.

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Nothing settled in Kenya

AP/BEN CURTIS

Kenyan opposition leader Raila Odinga (center) leaves a news conference Tuesday in Nairobi after harshly criticizing the do-over presidential election that he and his supporters boycotted and of which President Uhuru Kenyatta was declared the winner. Odinga hinted that his supporters might appeal to Kenya's high court to nullify the election, as an earlier vote in August was struck down. The election process has been marred by violent clashes between police and Odinga supporters.

Ex-aide 'liar,' insignificant, Trump says

He calls lobbyist Podesta's resignation the real story

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Tuesday tried to diminish the significance of a former foreign-policy adviser who admitted to lying to the FBI about how, during last year's presidential campaign, he sought to meet with Russians offering "dirt" on Hillary Clinton based on purloined emails.

In his first comment on this aspect of the case being developed by the special counsel investigation, Trump did not deny that the adviser, George Papadopoulos, worked to collaborate with Russia. Instead, he brushed off his significance and focused on the fact that Papadopoulos pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI to cover up the contacts with Russia.

"Few people knew the young, low level volunteer named George, who has already proven to be a liar," Trump wrote on Twitter.

As for the indictment of his former campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, the

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SENATE MOVE to shield Mueller from firing not on McConnell's front-burner, he says. Page 3A.

State's 3 gas utilities set to raise winter heat rates

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Arkansas' natural-gas utilities will raise their rates 1.97 percent to 8.73 percent because of an increase in the costs to acquire natural gas, spokesmen from the companies said Tuesday.

The three companies — CenterPoint Energy, Black Hills Energy and Arkansas Oklahoma Gas — are required to file their winter rates each year by Oct. 31 with the Arkansas Public Service Commission. The rates take effect today and end March 31.

The utilities are allowed to pass along their gas supply rate — basically the cost of acquiring natural gas — to customers but they cannot take a profit. The gas supply rate includes what the utility pays its suppliers for natural gas.

The residential bill for CenterPoint, the largest gas utility with about 413,000 customers in Arkansas, will rise 8.73 percent compared with November last year, said Alicia Dixon, a CenterPoint spokesman.

That means a CenterPoint customer with a $100 monthly bill last November will have a bill of $108.73 beginning with this month's bill,

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Social media firms grilled over Russia

Facebook, Google, Twitter lawyers vow to better weed out 'bad actors'

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WASHINGTON — Lawyers from Facebook, Google and Twitter testified Tuesday afternoon on Capitol Hill as political pressure mounts to fully investigate Russian efforts to influence the 2016 U.S. presidential campaign and reveal publicly what they find.

A growing number of lawmakers have expressed concern in recent weeks about the Russian online influence campaign, and have vowed to expose what happened and work to prevent a recurrence — through legislation, if necessary.

Lawyers for the three companies acknowledged during Tuesday's hearing by a Senate judiciary subcommittee that Russian-linked accounts began exploiting their services in 2015 to

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Subsidy end to lower some '18 health costs

'10 law's coverage sign-ups start today

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During the open-enrollment period that starts today, thousands of low- to moderate-income Arkansans who buy health insurance through healthcare.gov will have the option to lower what they pay in monthly premiums starting in 2018.

Those lower costs are partly because of a decision by one of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act's biggest critics: President Donald Trump.

Last month, Trump decided to end a type of subsidy, known as cost-sharing reduction payments, that had reimbursed insurers for providing enhanced coverage to consumers with incomes of up to 250 percent of the poverty level.

Insurers are required to provide the enhanced coverage regardless of whether they are reimbursed. To make up for the loss, officials in Arkansas and other states allowed insurance compa-

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Questions about grid contract

The New York Times/TOM BRENNER

FEMA Administrator Brock Long (from left), Robert Salesses, a Defense Department deputy assistant secretary, and Maj. Gen. Donald Jackson, who oversees work by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in Puerto Rico, prepare to testify Tuesday before a Senate panel about the no-bid contract to repair Puerto Rico's power grid. Long said there was "a lot wrong" with the deal. *Article, 4A*

Tax plan's proposals on 401(k)s awaited

State delegation reluctant to guess

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WASHINGTON — When Republicans unveil their tax overhaul legislation as early as today, investment advisers and retirement planners will be watching carefully for any proposed changes to the 401(k) program.

Americans have more than $5 trillion invested in the tax-deferred accounts, which have gained in popularity as businesses have increasingly phased out traditional pension plans.

Nationwide, roughly 55 million people participate in the plans, according to the Investment Company Institute, an industry trade association.

Some Republicans have suggested lowering the maximum pretax contribution limits. President Donald Trump tweeted on Oct. 23 "There will be NO change to your 401(k). This has always been a great and popular middle class tax break that works, and it stays!"

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TRUMP STEPS up lobbying for tax plan, predicts he'll sign bill before Christmas. Page 4A.

Rampage in pickup leaves 8 people dead in NYC

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NEW YORK — A man is accused of plowing a rented pickup down a crowded bike path along the Hudson River in Manhattan on Tuesday, killing eight people and injuring 11 before being shot by a police officer in what officials called the deadliest terrorist attack on New York City since Sept. 11.

The rampage ended when the suspect, Sayfullo Saipov, 29, smashed into a school bus, jumped out of his truck and ran up and down the highway waving a pellet gun and paintball gun and shouting "Allahu Akbar," Arabic for "God is great," before he was shot in the abdomen by the officer,

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AP/CRAIG RUTTLE

Crumpled bicycles lie on a trail near the World Trade Center Memorial after a man identified as Sayfullo Saipov reportedly drove a pickup onto the crowded path in a deadly rampage.